Acts and Laws,

Made and paſſed by the General Court or Aſſembly of His Majeſty's Engliſh Colony of *Connecticut*, in *America*; holden at *New-Haven*, in ſaid Colony, on the Second Thurſday of *October*, in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, King of *GREAT-BRITAIN*, &c. *Annoque Domini*, 1772.

An Act in Addition to the Law of this Colony, entituled, "An Act for forming and regulating the "Militia, and for the Encouragement of Military "Skill; for the better Defence of this Colony."

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives, in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That all and every Warrant or Warrants that ſhall hereafter be iſſued and granted out againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for any Fine or Fines for neglecting or not attending Military Duty, ſhall be iſſued againſt the Body of ſuch Delinquent, as well as againſt his perſonal Eſtate: And the Body or Bodies of ſuch Delinquent or Delinquents ſhall and may be, by Force of ſuch Warrant, committed to, and held in Goal until ſuch Delinquent ſhall pay and ſatisfy ſuch Fine or Fines, as in Caſes of Execution for Debt.

Perſons neglecting Military Duty, their Bodies liable to Imprisonment for Fines.

At what Age private Centinels exempt.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That for the future, no Perſon ſhall be compelled to ſerve as a private Centinel in the Militia, after he has arrived to the Age of Forty Five Years.

Two Paragraphs repealed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the Two laſt Paragraphs of the Law of this Colony, entituled, "An Act for Explanation and Alteration of the Law "of this Colony, entituled, An Act for forming and regula- "ting the Militia, and for the Encouragement of Military "Skill, for the better Defence of this Colony," be repealed, and the ſame are hereby repealed, and made null and void.

An Act for preventing and puniſhing the ſtealing of Horſes.

Perſons guilty of ſtealing Horſes, how puniſhed.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives, in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That whoever ſhall ſteal any Horſe within this Colony, and be thereof duly convicted, ſhall pay and ſatisfy to the Owner of ſuch Horſe Treble the Value thereof, and alſo pay as a Fine to the Colony Treaſury the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, and be further puniſhed by being publicly whipped on the naked Body, not exceeding Fifteen Stripes, and be confined in a Work-Houſe or Houſe of Correction, not exceeding Three Months; there to be kept at hard Labour, and be further whipped on the Firſt Monday of each Month, not exceeding Ten Stripes each Time; and for want of Eſtate wherewith to pay and ſatisfy ſuch Damages and Fine, the Court before whom ſuch Conviction is had, may aſſign ſuch Delinquent in Service, ſo long as they ſhall judge proper, to the Party injured, or his Aſſigns, if he or they will accept thereof, or otherwiſe to any of His Majeſty's Subjects.

And to encourage the detecting ſuch Offenders;

The Coſts of Perſons detecting Horſe Stealers, how paid.

Be it enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That there ſhall be paid out of the Colony Treaſury to the Perſon detecting and proſecuting ſuch Thief to effect, in any County Court or Superior Court in this Colony, his Coſts expended in ſuch Proſecution, not exceeding *Six Pounds*.

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An Act for preventing Veſſels paſſing through the Rope Ferry (ſo called) in *New-London*, in the Night Seaſon.

WHEREAS Travellers are frequently much retarded in their Buſineſs by the Ferry Rope over the ſaid Ferry being carried away, and the Boat going a-drift, by Veſſels paſſing through ſaid Ferry in the Night Seaſon. Preamble.

Which to prevent:

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives, in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That no Sloop or other Veſſel ſhall paſs either up or down ſaid River, through ſaid Ferry-Place, from Six o'Clock Afternoon, until Six o'Clock in the Morning, between the Firſt of *October* and the Firſt of *March*, Annually; nor from Nine o'Clock in the Evening, until Five o'Clock in the Morning, between the Firſt of *March* and the Firſt of *October*, Annually, without giving Notice to the Ferryman One Hour at leaſt, before ſuch Veſſels ſhall attempt to paſs through ſaid Ferry. Veſſels not to paſs thro' the Rope Ferry in the Night, without giving Notice.

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Maſter or other Commander of any Sloop or other Veſſel, ſhall be guilty of a Breach of this Act, he ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Forty Shillings* for every ſuch Offence, one Half to the Owner or Proprietor of ſaid Ferry, the other Half to the Town Treaſury of *New-London*. On Penalty of 40s.

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